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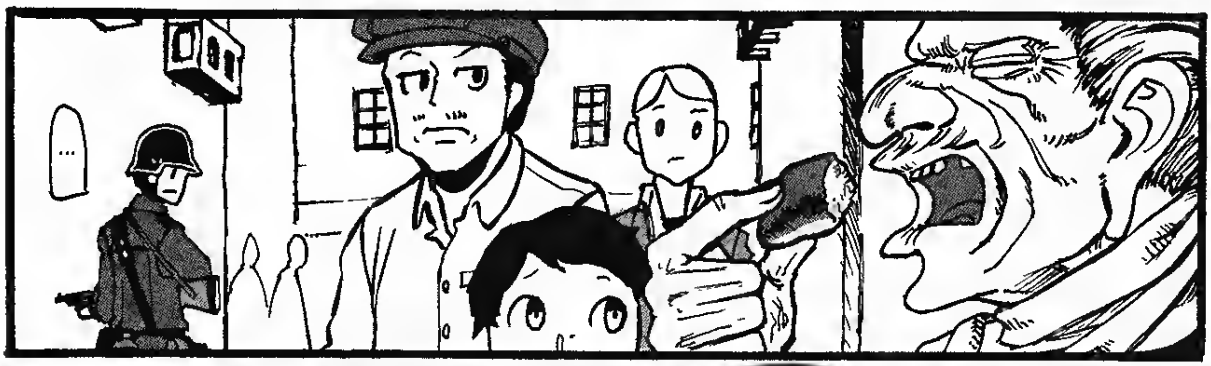
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DAD! I WANT TO EAT SOME MORE BREAD!
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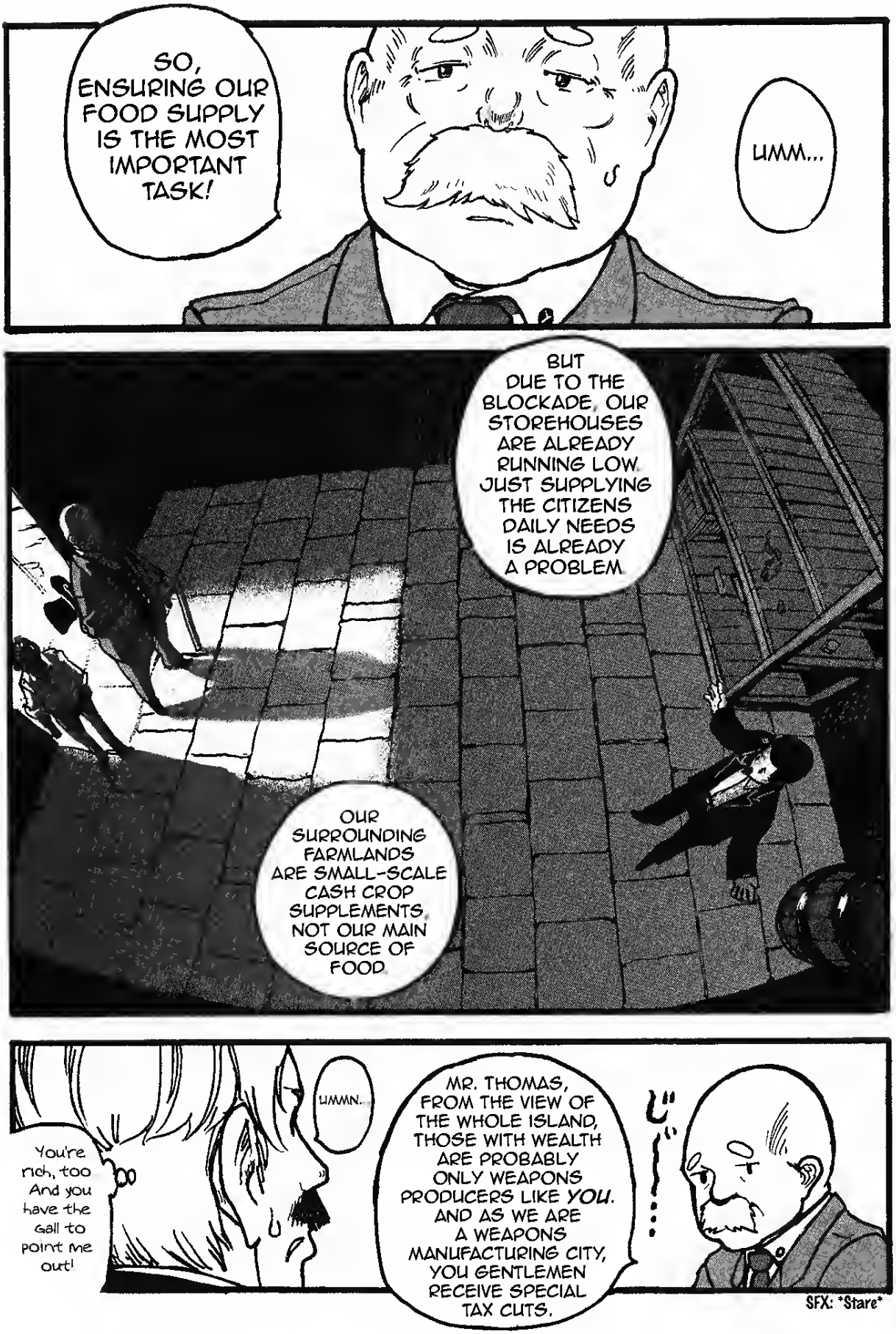
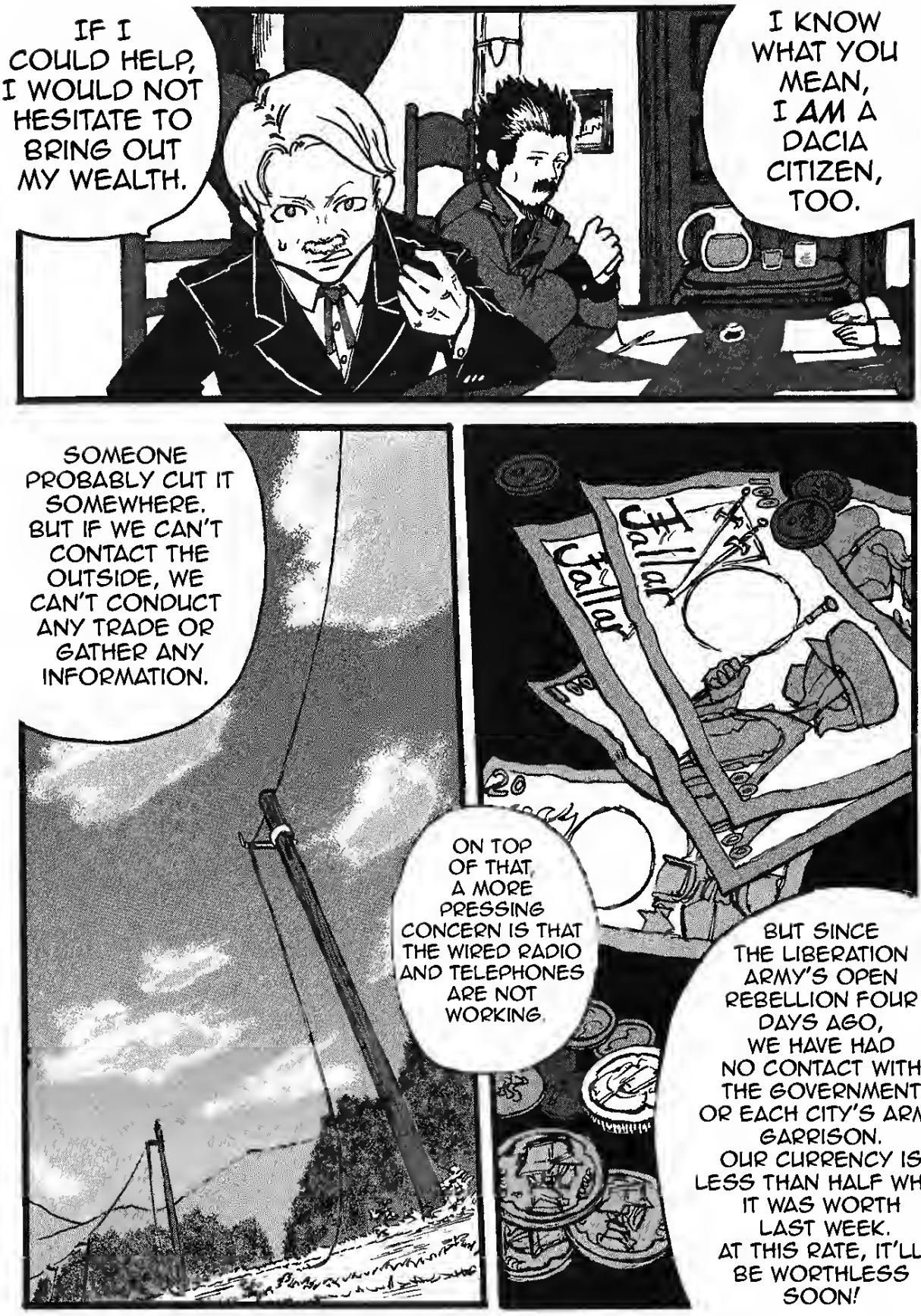
EVERYONE, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR GATHERING HERE TODAY.
WHAT?

LET'S GET ON WITH THE EMERGENCY MEETING, THEN.
This tie is too tight!
IF POSSIBLE, FEEL FREE TO VOICE YOUR OPINIONS.
STARTING OFF, PLEASE STATE WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT OUR CITY IS FACING SO WE MAY DEAL WITH IT.
A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE SCARCITY OF FOOD...
WHILE THE EXTERNAL THREAT OF REBEL INVASION HAS BEEN REPELLED BY THE PATROL MILITIA.
OUR FOOD SUPPLIES ARE GETTING SEVERELY LOW, MEANING THAT MANY OF OUR CITIZENS MAY JOIN UP WITH THE LIBERATION ARMY.


SO, ENSURING OUR FOOD SUPPLY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK!
UMM...
BUT DUE TO THE BLOCKADE, OUR STOREHOUSES ARE ALREADY RUNNING LOW. JUST SUPPLYING THE CITIZENS DAILY NEEDS IS ALREADY A PROBLEM.
OUR SURROUNDING FARMLANDS ARE SMALL-SCALE CASH CROP SUPPLEMENTS, NOT OUR MAIN SOURCE OF FOOD.
You're rich, too. And you have the gall to point me out!
UMMN.
MR. THOMAS, FROM THE VIEW OF THE WHOLE ISLAND, THOSE WITH WEALTH ARE PROBABLY ONLY WEAPONS PRODUCERS LIKE YOU. AND AS WE ARE A WEAPONS MANUFACTURING CITY, YOU GENTLEMEN RECEIVE SPECIAL TAX CUTS.
SFX: *Stare*


IF I COULD HELP, I WOULD NOT HESITATE TO BRING OUT MY WEALTH.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, I AM A DACIA CITIZEN, TOO.
SOMEONE PROBABLY CUT IT SOMEWHERE. BUT IF WE CAN'T CONTACT THE OUTSIDE, WE CAN'T CONDUCT ANY TRADE OR GATHER ANY INFORMATION.
ON TOP OF THAT, A MORE PRESSING CONCERN IS THAT THE WIRED RADIO AND TELEPHONES ARE NOT WORKING.
BUT SINCE THE LIBERATION ARMY'S OPEN REBELLION FOUR DAYS AGO, WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OR EACH CITY'S ARMY GARRISON. OUR CURRENCY IS LESS THAN HALF WHAT IT WAS WORTH LAST WEEK. AT THIS RATE, IT'LL BE WORTHLESS SOON!

WE NEED TO SECURE FOOD AND OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION BEFORE THE CITIZENS TURN TO RADICAL CHOICES.
SOON THE SITUATION WILL DETERIORATE TO THE POINT NEITHER MONEY NOR LAW CAN SOLVE...
OF COURSE, IF IT IS REQUIRED WE WILL DO OUR BEST, BUT..
RECENTLY THEY HAD THEIR WHEAT HARVEST, TOO. IF WE CAN CONTROL THE AREA, OUR FOOD SUPPLY PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED.
IF SO, THEN 30 KILOMETERS EAST OF HERE IS THE THIRD GRAIN SILO AREA, WHICH SHOULD WORK NICELY. THAT REGION USED TO FEED THE CENTRAL ISLAND AREA, INCLUDING OUR CITY.
...SO, CAN THE PATROL MILITIA DO THIS?

WE LOST A FEW IN THE RECENT BATTLE. CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE ON HAND, WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE JUST MAINTAINING ORDER AND PATROLS.
IF WE DON'T REPLENISH OUR MANPOWER, WE CAN'T SEND ANYONE OUT AND GARRISON THE FARM REGIONS.
ALSO, WITH THE DROP IN MONEY VALUE AND LACK OF PRODUCTS TO SUPPLEMENT WAGES, IT'LL BE HARD TO RECRUIT NEW SOLDIERS.
IF IT'S POSSIBLE... WOULD THE CITY'S INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS, *ESPECIALLY* FROM THE CHURCH, PLEASE HELP WITH OUR RECRUITMENT EFFORTS?

PLEASE TRY TO RECRUIT RIGHTEOUS AND MORAL CITIZENS. ALSO, IF THE RECRUITMENT IS DONE IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH THEN IT MIGHT ALSO INCREASE THE SENSE OF URGENCY.
THROUGH LOVE FOR THEIR HOME AND FAITH, WE HOPE THE CHURCH MEMBERS CAN ALERT THE CITIZENS TO THE DANGER AND ENCOURAGE RECRUITMENT.
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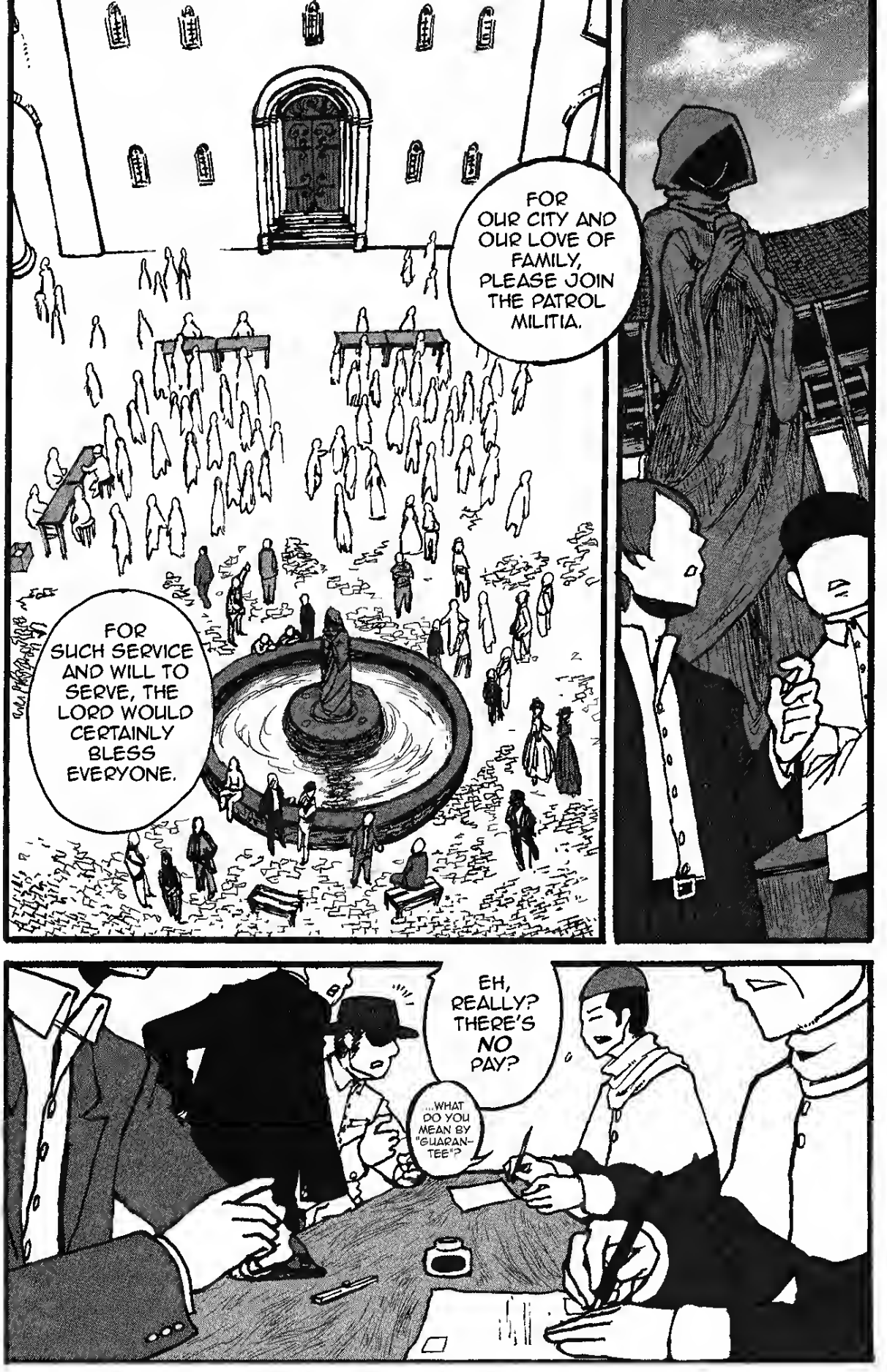
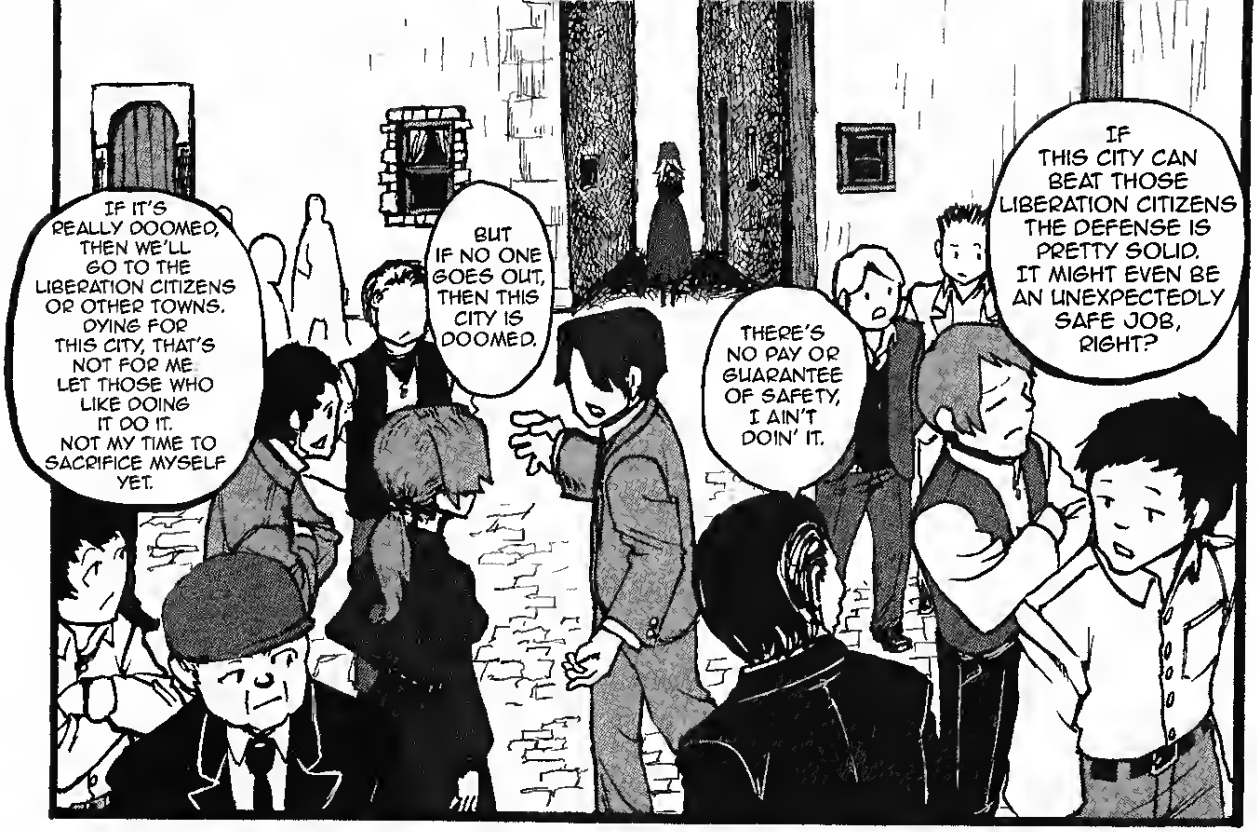
SFX: "Fidget"
..ALL RIGHT, FOR THE CITY. LET OUR LORD ALLOW WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO HERE.


FOR OUR CITY AND OUR LOVE OF FAMILY, PLEASE JOIN THE PATROL MILITIA.
FOR SUCH SERVICE AND WILL TO SERVE, THE LORD WOULD CERTAINLY BLESS EVERYONE.
EH, REALLY? THERE'S NO PAY?
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "GUARANTEE"?


IF IT'S REALLY DOOMED, THEN WE'LL GO TO THE LIBERATION CITIZENS OR OTHER TOWNS. DYING FOR THIS CITY, THAT'S NOT FOR ME LET THOSE WHO LIKE DOING IT DO IT. NOT MY TIME TO SACRIFICE MYSELF YET.
BUT IF NO ONE GOES OUT, THEN THIS CITY IS DOOMED.
THERE'S NO PAY OR GUARANTEE OF SAFETY, I AIN'T DOIN' IT.
IF THIS CITY CAN BEAT THOSE LIBERATION CITIZENS THE DEFENSE IS PRETTY SOLID. IT MIGHT EVEN BE AN UNEXPECTEDLY SAFE JOB, RIGHT?

SFX: "Muffled speech"

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PLEASE HEAD TO THE PATROL MILITIA HEADQUARTERS AND AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
THEN...
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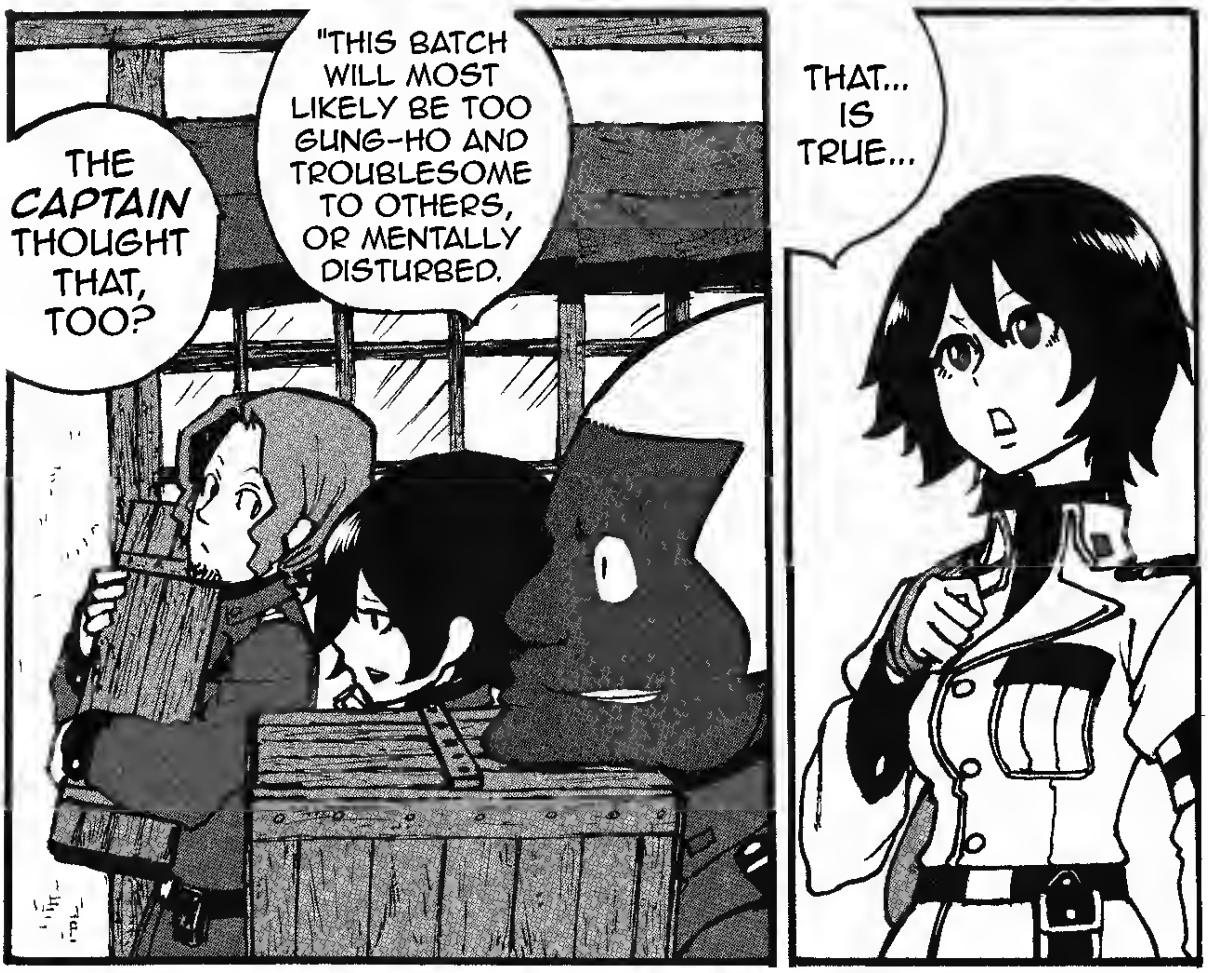
SFX. "Rustle"
CAPTAIN, WILL THERE REALLY BE *ANY* VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS?
MONADO, YOUR REASON FOR JOINING IS JUST AS STUPID

YOU MILITARY OTAKU JOINED JUST TO BE ABLE TO PLAY WITH GUNS, RIGHT?
NO, IT'S NOT JUST THAT...
AND I MEANT IT'S DIFFERENT NOW, NOT LIKE BACK THEN. NOW THERE ARE ACTUAL BULLETS FLYING AROUND...


"THIS BATCH WILL MOST LIKELY BE TOO GUNG-HO AND TROUBLESOME TO OTHERS, OR MENTALLY DISTURBED.
THE *CAPTAIN* THOUGHT THAT, TOO?
THAT... IS TRUE...

WE AREN'T ASKING MUCH OF THE RECRUITS...
"DON'T KNOW WHY BUT THE CONDITIONS LOOK GOOD," OR "I HAVE TOO MUCH TIME ON MY HANDS," ANY REASON IS FINE AS LONG AS WE GET THE BODIES.
"DON'T KNOW WHY" ...IS IT.
...WE MIGHT HAVE PEOPLE WITH "FOR REVENGE" TOO.
Won't you join?
AH, I JOINED BECAUSE "DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT ARNEST RECRUITED ME!"
YOU PROBABLY COULD LIVE IN ANY ENVIRON-MENT.

IF YOU NOTICED IT, YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT IT THEN.
YOU ALWAYS DO THINGS HALFWAY.
I COULDN'T SAY IT IN THAT ATMOSPHERE...
...YOU SAID HER BABY SHOWED SIGNS OF INTESTINE ROT, ARE YOU SURE IT WAS REAL?
HOW MANY WILL WE RECRUIT?
THEN...

WHAT?!
RIGHT, THEN THE FARM OCCUPATION TEAM WILL INCLUDE THEM.
THIRTEEN. THREE OF THEM ARE SOMEHOW USEABLE.
BUT...
WE HAVE NO TIME, USE THE ONES THAT LOOK USABLE AND LET THEM LEARN ON THE JOB.
THAT'S CRAZY. TURNING A CITIZEN INTO A SOLDIER TAKES AT LEAST A MONTH OF BASIC TRAINING...
THE ONLY ONE USABLE IS THAT SELF-PROCLAIMED MERCENARY.
AS I'M TRAINING THE TROOPS AND NEGOTIATING WITH THE INFLUENTIALS, I CAN NOT LEAVE DACIA.
ARNEST, I KNOW IT WILL TROUBLE YOU, BUT I WANT YOU TO HANDLE THIS OPERATION.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT JOB THAT I CAN ONLY LEAVE TO THOSE I TRUST, DO YOU THINK I SHOULD LET MONADO COMMAND?
PLEASE NO, BUT THIS...
WHAT?!
INCLUDING YOU, SELECT TEN MEMBERS FOR YOUR TEAM.
YOU CAN PICK SIX VETERANS.
SFX: "Papers shuffling"
THE REMAINING FOUR ARE TO BE PICKED FROM THE NEW RECRUITS.

FIRST ON THE LIST: A SELF-PROCLAIMED MERCENARY NAMED *NIKOLAI*. HE SAID HE HAS MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE ISLAND ARMY BUT WE HAVE NO PROOF OF THIS. HE LOOKS USABLE... SO I CAN ONLY TRUST HIM, SO HE'S IN.
This uniform is damp...
I am nervous!
NEXT IS *MICHELLE*. THE TOWN'S DEER MEAT SHOP OWNER. SHE SAYS SHE HAS AN INTEREST IN HUNTING. I HAVE GOOD EXPECTATIONS OF HER SHOOTING SKILLS, SO SHE'S COMING ALONG. OTHERS SAY SHE'S SMART AND HAS A GOOD PERSONALITY.
THOSE TWO AND THEN...

NEXT IS 14 YEAR-OLD ROSA. I DON'T EXPECT HER TO HAVE MUCH FIGHTING ABILITY. SHE'S WILLING TO FIGHT AND JOINED UP AFTER LEARNING ABOUT THE SNIPER, AND WANTS TO BE ONE. I'LL BRING HER ALONG FOR HER POTENTIAL.
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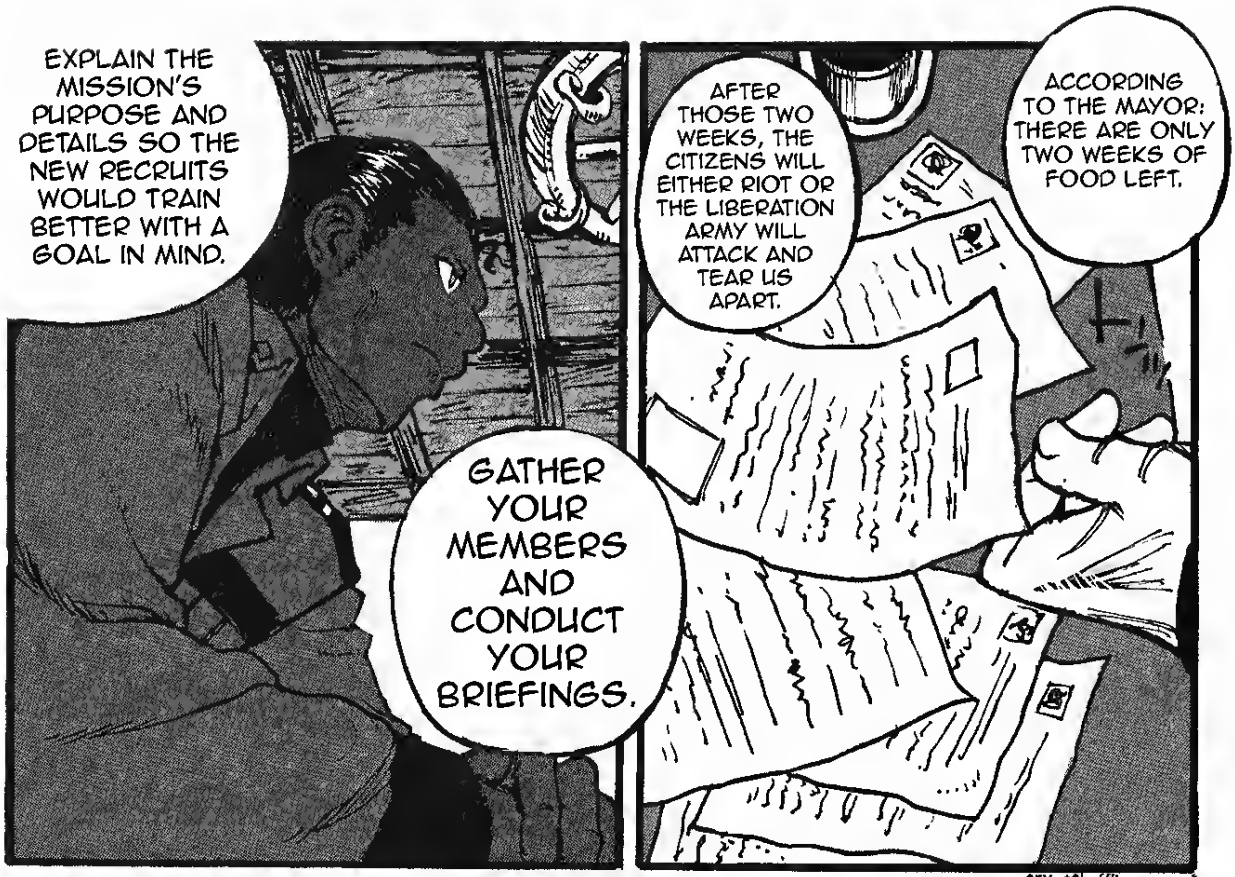
RUTZEN WAS IN PRISON, SO HIS PERSONALITY MAY BE SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT. I'LL BRING HIM FOR HIS PHYSICAL ABILITIES.
*20 YEARS OLD
SFX: *Nervousness*
BRINGING HER ALONG JUST BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO BE A SNIPER?
I'M SAYING THAT WE ARE NO LONGER AN INNOCENT THIRD-PARTY HERE, BUT THAT WE HAVE ACTUAL ENEMIES THAT ARE SHOOTING AT US.
4 DAYS AGO, THAT WAS OUR FIRST REAL BATTLE.

My mistake was the cause of that struggle.
UNLIKE A MACHINE GUN, A SNIPER CAN USE FEWER BULLETS TO SUPPRESS THE ENEMY. THIS CAN GREATLY HELP TO CONSERVE OUR AMMO.
WE WOULDN'T HAVE WON WITHOUT A SNIPER THERE.
WITH OUR SUPPLY CONDITIONS, WE NEED TO TRAIN MORE SUPPORT SNIPERS...
RIGHT.
BUT WE HAVE NO TIME TO TRAIN HER IN SHOOTING OR LONG DISTANCE AIMING.
I FEEL THE SAME...


EXPLAIN THE MISSION'S PURPOSE AND DETAILS SO THE NEW RECRUITS WOULD TRAIN BETTER WITH A GOAL IN MIND.
GATHER YOUR MEMBERS AND CONDUCT YOUR BRIEFINGS.
AFTER THOSE TWO WEEKS, THE CITIZENS WILL EITHER RIOT OR THE LIBERATION ARMY WILL ATTACK AND TEAR US APART.
ACCORDING TO THE MAYOR: THERE ARE ONLY TWO WEEKS OF FOOD LEFT.
SFX: *Shuffling papers*

GATHER!
OKAY.
SPEND THREE DAYS TRAINING THEM. ENOUGH TO BE USABLE ON THE BATTLEFIELD, ALL RIGHT?
SFX: *Murmuring crowd*
SFX: *Whistle shriek*

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SO YEAH, /AK/ SCANS IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE (MOSTLY TRANSLATORS) TO HELP OUT ON THE MANY PROJECTS WE DO.

WE NEED HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:

-YUKARI'S TANK CORNER EP. 7+
-RE:MONSTER
-TO ARU OSSAN NO KATSUDOUKI
-GUNNERS
-CAT SHIT ONE '80
-AND MORE!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE /AK/ WIKI OR IN ONE OF THE MANY /AK/-RELATED THREADS ON /A/

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QA: *PROOFREADERANON AND /AK/ ANONS* (THANKS!)